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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Our File:** 480848.90026  
**Applicant:** Seidah, Nabil *et al.*  
**Serial No.:** 09/830,837  
**Filed:** October 18, 2001  
**Group Art Unit** 1652  
**Examiner:** Moore, William W.  
**Title:** **MAMMALIAN SUBTILISIN-KEXIN ISOZYME SKI-1: A  
PROPROTEIN CONVERTASE WITH A UNIQUE CLEAVAGE  
SPECIFICITY**

### AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on June 18, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on December 18, 2003, with a three-month (3) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including December 18, 2003, accompanied by the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.